



## Leland: no place for live bobcat

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There is a possibility of GCSU having more than just Thunder as a mascot at the basketball games this year. The possible addition to the team—a live bobcat.

State Representative Rusty Kidd owns chickens and ducks, and he said there have recently been many killed in recent weeks.

### Bobcat facts

**Average life span:** 10 to 12 years

**Weight:** 11 to 30 lbs.

**Size:** Head and body: 26 to 41 in.

**Tail:** 4 to 7 in.

**Diet:** Bobcats usually eat rabbits, birds, mice, squirrels and other smaller game.

**Appearance:** These cats are distinguished by their tufted ears and bobbed tails.

**Acrobatics:** They can cover 10 feet in one pounce.

Source: National Geographic

home,” said Kidd. “If it isn’t allowed by the GCSU president or by state law then I will hand it over to some center that can take care of it until it is relocated.”

According to Robin Patterson-Hill, a public affairs coordinator for the Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, GCSU could legally keep a bobcat with the proper permit.

“The college would have to meet the qualifications posted online,” Patterson-Hill said. “(The permit) would have to be a Wildlife Exhibition permit.”

GCSU President Dorothy Leland does not see a place on campus for a live mascot.

“I know that live mascots are popular on some campuses, but the Georgia College mascot is a bobcat, and bobcats are wild animals. To humanely keep a bobcat in captivity requires respecting its nature,” Leland said. “Bobcats are a shy and solitary species. Therefore, bringing a live bobcat to athletics or other events would not be appropriate.”

Brian Cook, a sophomore at GCSU, feels differently.

“I am guessing that most everyone at this school would love to have a bobcat as our live mascot. While the University of Georgia has a dog and other schools boast a bird, we could humble others by showing off our ferocious feline,” Cook said.

Wendell Staton, athletic director, said in order to have a live mascot the school would have to go through many steps first.

“The athletic department has not been officially presented with the concept of a ‘live mascot,’ nor have we endorsed the live mascot concept that has been rumored,” said Wendell Staton, Athletic Director. “This would require extensive research needed to examine what it would take to support and sustain a live mascot including items such as legality, permits, housing and habitat, medical care, exercise, diet, transportation, training, handling, costs, etc...”

One day he spotted the culprit, which at first glance he thought was a fox. He then realized it was a bobcat.

Kidd has set up cages, and if caught, he plans to donate the animal to GCSU if allowed.

“If I do catch the bobcat, I think it would be great if Georgia College & State University took it in and then provided it a nice



EMILY MCCURLEY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brother Jed Smock, left, and freshman rhetoric major J.T. Hoover have a dispute over religious issues on Front Campus Nov. 15. The 68-year-old preacher traveled to GCSU to address students on ideas such as modesty, fornication and salvation. Smock has visited 26 campuses since August of this year with his 19-year-old daughter, Martha Smock.

## Preacher chastises campus

*Students congregate, debate evangelist in free speech zone*

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On Nov. 15 and Nov. 18, with banner held high and voice raised higher, Brother Jed Smock stepped onto GCSU’s freedom of speech zone outside of Bell Hall to engage students in open-air dialogue about the Christian faith.

In less formal attire than usual the seasoned “confrontation evangelist” of 37 years preached for over an hour before a crowd settled around him.

“I start off by addressing the

moral issues in the context of the law of God,” Smock said. “I preach Christ (was) crucified and resurrected from the dead. Through the gospel (college students) can have hope and eternal life. And I want to defend the faith.”

GCSU is the 26th school Smock has visited since he and 19-year-old daughter Martha Smock began their 2010-11 tour of college campuses in August. On Nov. 18, Smock brought his wife Cindy to help him preach.

Almost exactly one year ago,

Smock stood in the same spot with a crucifix embellished walking stick in one hand and a Bible in the other, giving the same messages about issues such as modesty and sin.

“I actually thought it was going to be more un-biblical than it is, but he’s made some good points,” sophomore pre-nursing major David Hamby said. “I don’t think he understands the gospel as full as he claims.”

Many students accuse Smock of being judgmental and harsh, however he is not shaken. In-

stead, Smock focuses on the word of God and how he believes the spirit of God is moving in and through him.

“My goal is to glorify God and teach the Bible to the students so they can learn from God, His ways and His character and hopefully they’ll follow His ways and become Christian,” Smock said. “We love the students, that’s why we’re out there. I’m motivated by a love for God and a love for the students. I’m angry with them because God is angry with them but it’s a righteous indignation.”

## SGA installs Front Campus webcam

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SGA President Zach Mullins and University Communications are jointly working to install the first campus webcam located on top of Atkinson Hall.

The webcam project is one of the many priorities SGA set out to complete at the beginning of the fall semester.

Bruce Harshbarger, vice president of student affairs, suggested the idea of having a campus webcam to broadcast via Internet the daily activities of the GCSU students on Front Campus. SGA voted upon the idea and granted funding for the project.

“The whole idea of a webcam on campus is purely fun and for many other academic purposes,” Mullins

said. “We are striving to showcase the student life on campus to those speculating to enroll at GCSU, and what better way to show campus life than to show how students interact on the front lawn; which is a landmark of Georgia College.”

The funding for the project came from a small unknown source through SGA involvement. The total cost of the project including equipment and labor equated to under \$1,000 and is merely a pinch in SGA funds.

“SGA is proud to install this webcam to promote GCSU, but we also believe the webcam will provide multiple services to many organizations on campus,” Mullins said.

The webcam is located on the left side of the roof at Atkinson Hall. It is positioned at bird’s eye view and will

capture footage of all the things that make up the scenery of the Front Campus lawn including the dining area of Chick-fil-A and Einstein Bros. Bagels.

“It’s a visual aid to all who want to have an image of the day in the life of a GCSU student,” Mullins said. “All who watch the footage online will see the students socializing, studying on the lawn, throwing a Frisbee with their friends between classes, and they can experience the many events student organizations display on Front Campus.”

This webcam is the first of its kind on campus. More webcams are expected to be installed in the near future in numerous other locations on campus.

### Webcam

#### Video Feed:

The webcam will stream live video 24/7.

#### Location:

It is placed atop Atkinson Hall and will view Front Campus.

#### Cost:

The total was under \$1,000 including equipment and labor.

#### Launch date:

The goal is to launch the video by end of Fall semester.

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## GCSU paves way for Hertz car rental service in Spring

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GCSU students over the age of 18 with a valid driver’s license will be able to rent cars from campus with a program debuting next semester called Connect by Hertz.

Along with the anticipated new Wellness Center and renovations to the shuttle system, Auxiliary Services maintains its focus on transportation quality with this partnership.

The program is found all over the United States, rapidly dominating college campuses and spanning the sea to London and Paris. By Jan. 6, GCSU will have the pay-as-you-go “Connect by Hertz” program fully operational.

The fairly new car-sharing service has a slogan of “Click. Book. Drive.” This car-on-demand system allows students to go online and sign up for a \$25 application fee, no insurance required.

After approval, Hertz

sends a membership card allowing drivers to reserve cars starting hourly to a few days in length. It is \$8 an hour, or \$66 a day. Once a confirmed reservation is in place, an e-mail or text message is sent to the member. From here one simply walks to the pre-parked Hertz cars and swipes one’s card. The doors unlock and the keys are inside ready to ignite a fully loaded car with Hertz NeverLost GPS system, iPod adapter, CD player and roadside assis-

tance. Gas will also be provided; students do not have to pay for it in addition to rental fees.

GCSU will initially welcome 2010-11 model Ford Fusions and possibly Rav4’s. If the program progresses, they are prepared to add more if necessary. The cars will remain parked in GCSU parking spaces on West Greene Street in front of the reflection pool.

“The location on Greene Street was chosen to provide

two things, visibility to the assets and the convenience to the dorms in general, since most of our customers will be students in those halls,” said Associate Director of Auxiliary Services Greg Brown.

GCSU plans for the program to help benefit not only freshmen, but international students and faculty as well. Vojtech Vavra, a foreign exchange student from Czech Republic, has experienced car rental services since his time in the states.

“It is a really good idea to rent a car for a low cost because if you rent from a private company you pay about \$80 a day, plus fuel of course,” said Vavra, “In the USA it is sometimes difficult to be without a car and to buy one for a few months is too expensive and complicated.”

GCSU hopes to alleviate the struggles students face without transportation with the implementation of Connect by Hertz coming early spring semester.

### NEWS FLASH

#### A Record Number of Students

The University System of Georgia’s Fall 2010 enrollment has climbed to 311,442 students, an increase of 9,550 students, or 3.2 percent, from the Fall 2009 enrollment. GCSU’s total Fall 2010 enrollment is 6,736 — 5,713 undergraduates and 1,023 graduate students. These numbers represent a four percent increase in graduate students from last academic year.

### QUOTABLE

“...it never diminishes the fear in your gut that somewhere above our heads, a black cloud of death-eaters are just waiting to strike.”

- Chris Moskaly, reviewer

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### NUMBER CRUNCH

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There are 20 million bloggers in the United States. For more on this phenomenon sweeping the nation and our campus, see page 3.

Source: Wall Street Journal



# Flashback

A look back into GCSU history



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Photograph of the men's soccer team in 1976 when the college's mascot was the Colonial.

# Research provides student opportunities

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Student research strengthens the bond between learning and doing. A research topic is chosen and an investigation takes place so students at GCSU not only hear about the topic in the classroom, they experience it first-hand.

Though research is a significant part of the learning process, only \$25,000 per year is earmarked by the state for student research at GCSU, a small portion of what is required.

"The rest of the funds that are given by GC for research cannot be accounted for because they are not directly earmarked for research," Chief Budget Officer Susan Allen said. "Faculty members volunteer their time to work with the students and much of the funding comes from outside grants."

Senior environmental science major Brandon McGee is participating in stu-

dent research through the fall and spring semesters this year. This research—his senior capstone project—is a requirement for McGee's graduation, but that is not the sole reason he is doing it.

"I am doing this to gain field experience working with the various pieces of equipment and to be able to add research to my resume for graduate school or to get a job," McGee said.

McGee is doing a Hydrology Study at the local Andalusia farm. McGee, along with another student and graduate student, visit the farm once or twice a week to study the inflow and outflow of water in a pond. They are also doing a chemical analysis.

This fall they are collecting the data and doing the field research. In the spring, they will compile their research into a paper and prepare a way to present their findings. McGee hopes to use this research to enter

into the Geology Society of America conference in the spring.

Another research field that students participate in is psychology.

The Child Empathy Program is a course that coaches young children who exhibit emotional or behavioral issues in the use of basic emotions.

"I go and interact with kids. We teach them basic emotions - happy, angry and sad - and teach them how to express them," said junior psychology major Lauren Heard.

The students learn different research methods including assessment, participant interaction and observation skills.

"Being a part of research allows me to gain experience in the research field of psychology," Heard said. "I want to work with kids in the future, so it is helpful to see what that would be like, and research looks good for applying to graduate school."

# SGA invites concerns, criticism during open forum

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SGA held an open forum Nov. 10, in the West Campus center so students could share their opinions about common issues.

In this informal meeting, several students presented concerns and suggestions to members of SGA. One of the first issues addressed was Sodexo's hours of operation.

The students who voiced their opinions wanted the dining hall to be open later. One student suggested having a card reader on the door of the dining hall to allow students to enter at night. They don't necessarily want full service all night, but some food available such as cereal and coffee in Styrofoam dishes.

SGA informed the students that Sodexo's contract would be over soon and GCSU has been looking at other food providers. Three businesses have expressed interest. GCSU will choose between Sodexo, ARAMARK and Chartwells. GCSU will choose the company that can offer them "the most bang for their buck," according to Evan

Karanovich, the SGA vice president.

The next dining services will be asked look into providing an option of "grab and go" meals at the dining hall, so students can take food with them to go.

Along with a new food provider, the dining hall will also undergo more renovations. Zach Mullins, the SGA president, assured the students that the renovations will be funded by Auxiliary Services, not with student fees.

Another issue brought up was the problem with shuttles getting full at certain peak times. Many students from The Village expressed problems with being late for class because they could not get a seat on the shuttle. Also, students said that the shuttles were late sometimes and they did not know when the next one would be at the shuttle stop.

SGA informed the students of a project that should be implemented next year. This project will help students predict shuttle problems. This system will count students as they get on and off of the bus. This count will let students know how many



LAUREN DAVIDSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SGA senator Jay Parker, far right, participates in the open forum held Nov. 10, in the West Campus center. SGA hopes to continue holding forums in upcoming months to improve communication with students.

seats are available on the shuttle.

In addition, the shuttles will have GPS tracking system installed to inform student of their real-time location. All of this information will be available to students online as well as at the shuttle stop. New shuttle stops will be created with this sys-

tem so students can see on a screen where the shuttle is at all times.

One student in attendance, senior psychology major, Andrew Smith, was happy to hear the shuttle problems were being addressed.

"I haven't ridden the shuttle for over a year because I got sick of (it

getting there late or being full when it got there," Smith said. "Now that I can see where it is and how many seats are on it I will ride the shuttle more often."

Another student voiced a complaint about the amount of traffic on West Campus Drive during the early morning and around 3 p.m., when traffic is at its worst.

SGA said a plan is already in motion to fix this problem. This plan will create an acceleration-deceleration lane on Highway 441, so the flow of traffic will not be affected by cars that are turning into The Village. Also, a turning lane will be placed on West Campus Drive for people who are turning right onto 441. This will make coming in and out of the Village easier, especially at times where traffic is at a peak.

"I think it is a great idea for the college to pursue this plan because traffic is such an issue at The Village," Smith said.

Students living in Buildings 5 and 6 at The Village also brought up concerns of their keys not unlocking

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# Harshbarger cautions students of drinking dangers

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GCSU students received an e-mail Nov. 3, from Vice President for Student Affairs Bruce Harshbarger in regards to an event involving a fellow student. The student exhibited a strange reaction to an alcoholic beverage she consumed at a party.

The student attended an off-campus party in an apartment complex, where a resident of the apartment noticed that the student and others had become impaired immediately after drinking mixed drinks from a large container.

The resident also noticed that the student seemed far more intoxicated than what would be expected for the amount of alcohol she had consumed. The student was the only one out of several females who exhibited symptoms after drinking the mixed drinks, and her symptoms have continued since the episode.

"Doctors assume someone drugged the drink. It apparently triggered some chemical problems for her," Harshbarger said. "She is still under the care of a doctor."

It is unclear at this time what exactly was in the drink, but Public Safety has been

following up on the names of people at the party.

"As far as I understand, they are aware of who might have done it," Harshbarger said.

Students are advised to watch their drinks at all times and to never drink from a large open container. It may seem distasteful, but students are also urged to carry their drinks with them at all times, even to the bathroom.

"It is literally as easy as dropping something into a glass when someone is not looking," Harshbarger said.

Students are also warned that it is unwise to have

someone retrieve or make a drink for them, especially in a crowded or hectic setting.

"You need to be especially aware if you're at a large gathering if you don't know everyone," Harshbarger said. "It's one thing about getting food or drink from the primary source but another concern is not setting it down on a table, going across the room to speak to someone then coming back to it."

Harshbarger sent the mass e-mail to students in the hope that it will advise students to think about what they might be drinking.

"Nobody thinks that they

will be the victim," Harshbarger said. "More importantly, I wanted to get the word out to the students."

Students, such as sophomore pre-mass communication major Stephanie Reagan, seem to have responded well to Harshbarger's e-mail and are thankful for the concern.

"I haven't really heard anything about the incident," Reagan said. "The only thing I heard is I got an e-mail about students being careful, which I thought was really good that he was addressing the problem."

Still others, such as sophomore chemistry major Dean-

dre Beck, seem to have taken Harshbarger's wisdom to heart and see the incident as an example to learn by.

"It's a travesty. I really feel for her," Beck said. "I know someone that's had that happen to them, and they had a full football scholarship and they lost it. So I can definitely have sympathy for her. I guess this will serve as a lesson to students to watch what they drink, be responsible (and) watch the person make their drink."

Editor's note: Stephanie Reagan is a reporter for The Colonnade.

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# Dissecting student parking tickets

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Parking tickets have become increasingly problematic for several students on campus. Every Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the GCSU parking enforcement team travels from lot to lot to ensure that students are following the rules in regards to parking.

“We patrol every lot under the control of GCSU equally everyday. Despite rain or inclement weather, we still go to each lot and make sure they all get fair attention,” said Brandy Snyder, coordinator of the Parking Enforcement Office.

Unfortunately for a few select students, they have found themselves much worse off in the number of parking tickets than others this semester. Adrienne Warren, a freshman marketing major, has managed to rack up a total of four tickets so far this semester. Only one of those was given to her by Milledgeville. All others have been from GCSU campus police or from the Parking Enforcement Office.

“I’ve spent exactly \$100 on tickets this semester, and only 10 of those dollars have gone to the city of Milledgeville. My primary problem has been parking in the commuter lot behind Napier (Hall). It’s just so much more convenient than having to park all the way back behind Centennial (Center). That and the fact there are sometimes no parking spots in the designated parking areas behind the dorms.”

Students have approximately 14 days to appeal the ticket if they feel there are special circumstances they can prove in regards to their parking. If the ticket is not paid within that amount of time, the fine will increase by \$1 a day until the ticket amount doubles—to



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Debra Lango tickets a car not displaying a GCSU parking ticket outside of the Centennial Center. Lango has monitored the parking lots at GCSU for over three years and distributes about 50 parking tickets per day. Offenses range from parking in an unmarked spot, overstaying timed limit, parking against the flow of traffic, using an unexpired parking tag or not displaying a parking tag.

\$60 in most cases.

“We will only put a boot on a vehicle if there are three outstanding tickets and we still find your vehicle parked in an un-designated spot,” Snyder said. “That’s normally the only case.”

Other problems students face include the towing of their cars, which can prove to be much more expensive than your run of the mill parking ticket.

“We will only tow your car if it is in a reserved parking spot or if you are impeding

traffic,” Snyder said. “We don’t just tow your vehicle for fun.”

Roxy Russell, a sophomore mass communication major, had her Honda Accord towed because she was parked in an emergency vehicle zone behind Foundation Hall.

“Honestly, I parked there only because of the lack of spaces behind my dorm and in the other designated spots,” Russell said. “I wasn’t really paying attention to the fact

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# Student bloggers on the rise

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There are approximately 20 million bloggers in the United States, according to the Wall Street Journal. This trend is growing consistently, even at GCSU.

Kally Ramminger, a sophomore music therapy major, started her blog “Thankful” this past May. Some of her friends did Project 365, which encourages people take a picture a day in order to see their life differently, so she decided to do a similar thing but with words.

“Around that time I was just feeling thankful for everything. The title of the blog is based off my favorite Bible verse about thankfulness in Psalms,” Ramminger said.

Ramminger reads other blogs as well. They are mostly personal ones like hers. Some of the blogs she looks at are cooking blogs that she gets recipes from.

She says that blogging puts her life in perspective. She tries to pick something in her life that she wants to reflect on and then she posts.

“It’s hard to post every day, but when I do post it’s for my benefit,” Ramminger said.

Other bloggers find it hard to post everyday, but when they do it is special to them.

Elena Henson, a sophomore art major, has a crafts blog called “talk crafty to me.” On it, she features the arts and crafts projects she creates throughout the month.

It started when Henson was decorating her room at the beginning of this semester. She was trying to stick to a budget so recording the cost helped her stick to it.

“It’s also pretty handy for far-away friends and relatives that want to know what I’m up to. I can just send them a link,” Henson said.

The most gratifying part of blogging for Henson is when someone does a craft that she blogs.

Deborah Hodgins, a sophomore art major, has a blog called “Scarf. Scene. Scripture” all about the Bible, fashion and photography, her passions.

“I started it to just keep my thoughts together, and I wanted to own a vintage clothing store before and this was a way to start getting fashion ideas,” Hodgins said.

Hodgins puts pictures of her thrift store finds and she also expresses her love for photography in her posts. Even though she no longer wants to own a vintage store, fashion and art are still a part of her life and she satisfies these cravings through her blogging passion.

## Blogging

### Top countries:

29%	USA
6.75%	Brazil
4.88%	Japan
4.19%	Brazil
3.93%	Canada
3.34%	Germany
3.21%	Italy

### Gender:

49.1%	Male
50.9%	Female

### Age:

20.2%	≤ 20 yrs.
53.3%	21-35 yrs.
19.4%	36-50 yrs.
7.1%	≥ 51 yrs.

Source: sysomos.com

# Recycling program works out kinks

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Nearly two months since inception, GCSU’s on-campus recycling program has yet to reach its full potential.

“We have yet to fill up our first commercial roll out bin at the transfer station, but it’s about half full now,” said Associate Director for Energy Management, Utilities and Emergency Preparedness Kevin Murner. “Overall, it seems to be progress made.”

Environmental Science Club President and SGA Recycling Coordinator Jeff Brittain has been instrumental in getting the recycling program underway at GCSU.

“It’s definitely a start, what we’ve got is better than what we had before,” Brittain said. “We’re headed in the right direction but we’re still working out a few kinks.”



BRINA POTVIN/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Courtney Hamlett, member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, empties recycling bins in Arts & Sciences once a week. She and about two of her sorority sisters meet every Friday and deposit the material at one of the transfer stations.

In honor of America Recycles Day Nov. 15, and National Recycling Week, the Environmental Science Club had a table on Front Campus Nov. 15 and Nov. 16 to educate students of the importance of recycling as well as

how to utilize the recycling program at GCSU.

There are currently bins in 21 locations around campus for student, faculty and staff to utilize.

“What we have in place now is only in the academic buildings

and we are relying on volunteers to help,” Murner said.

The 12 organizations volunteering empty the bins on a weekly basis and another group has expressed interest in joining the effort as well. Courtney Hamlett, a junior mass communication major, is the liaison for the Gamma Sigma Sigma recycling group which is in charge of the bins in Arts & Sciences.

“It’s a lot of fun being a volunteer,” Hamlett said. “I’m excited we could get something started here at school, I know a lot of organizations have been wanting this for a while so it’s a great program.”

Hamlett and about two other girls in her organization meet every Friday to empty the bins and take them to the transfer stations.

“The students have been really

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# WGUR honors soldiers overseas during holiday season

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On Nov. 22, starting at 12:30 p.m. WGUR will provide students the opportunity to send soldiers in Afghanistan holiday cards.

“This event is open to anyone who comes by our table on their way to class. If it is something that catches your interest, send a card to a soldier for free,” said Shannon Twomey, the public relations manager for WGUR.

The staff at WGUR feels it is important to show the sol-

diers fighting overseas how much we support them at home in America.

“It may seem like a small scale thing to do for these men and women, but it allows us to do something nice in exchange for all of their efforts and for putting their lives on the line daily to ensure our freedoms,” said Ben Elliott, general manager for WGUR.

According to Elliott, it’s up to the students now to truly make this event a success by sending as many cards as possible to the soldiers in Af-

ghanistan.

“We hope for a lot of participation from the students,” Elliott said. “It’s a good, heartwarming thing to do that won’t take a lot of time out of your day.”

Next year, the staff hopes to make this an even bigger annual event by sending care packages and supplies along with the holiday cards. Although they were on a limited budget for this year’s event, WGUR still felt the need to show the soldiers appreciation.

“If you know anyone who

has served overseas, you might know how hard it can be for them to be away from their families during the holidays,” Twomey said. “That’s why we came up with the idea to give back to them by sending cards. We want to make them feel encouraged.” Students are inspired by WGUR’s holiday spirit and feel it is important to show the soldiers they aren’t forgotten while they are away from home.

“Since they are risking their lives for us and their country, sending a nice card

to them for the holidays is the least we can do to lift their spirits,” said junior mass communication major Kelly Moye.

Other students feel a sense of personal gratitude for their efforts.

“I personally know of some soldiers overseas, so I really appreciate what WGUR is doing,” said freshman mass communication major Richard Kohberger. “I’m sure it will make their day when they receive these cards from students who don’t even know them.”

The staff at WGUR expects to mail the letters over Thanksgiving break in order to ensure their timely arrival for the holidays.

“We want as many letters written and addressed as possible so they can be on their way and arrive as close to Christmas time as they can,” Elliott said.

For more information on the event or how you could contribute to the soldiers in Afghanistan, contact Shannon Twomey at shannonktwomey@gmail.com.





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# Counseling Services unable to aid with eating disorders

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Nearly 20 percent of college students admit to suffering from an eating disorder, according to the National Eating Disorders Association.

The two most common eating disorders are anorexia nervosa, when one restricts one’s food intake by excessively dieting, fasting or exercising, and bulimia nervosa, when one binge eats and then purges by forcing oneself to vomit.

“We have never counseled for eating disorders,” said Director of Counseling Services Mary Jane Phillips. “Effective treatment for an eating disorder is often a fairly complex and multi-dimensional kind of thing. It is very specialized, and GCSU counselors tend to be generalists. We’re more comparable to your family doctor and are more qualified to counsel

in relationship problems, depression, anxiety, etc.”

According to Phillips, if a student has an eating disorder it is not in his or her best interest to seek counseling from Counseling Services.

“When people ask Greg Jarvie, a clinical psychologist who also has a part-time practice and teaches here, why we do not treat eating disorders, he responds with, ‘Do you go to the Health Services when you have cancer and expect to get treatment for cancer?’ The answer is no, and this is the cancer diagnosis for the psychological world,” Phillips said.

There is a legal concept called “boundaries of competence.” In order for a counselor to provide a particular kind of service, they must have had didactic training and supervised experience in that service. It is illegal and unethical for counselors, in this case Counseling

Services, to offer services in which they are not certified, Phillips said.

Phillips clarifies that this should not discourage students with eating disorders from seeking help. While Counseling Services will not treat the disorder, it will help the students get the treatment they need.

After a student has been stabilized with a certified psychologist, Counseling Services will work with the psychologist to further help the student with other issues that might stem from the disorder.

“We just don’t want to set people up for failure,” Phillips said. “There are some real risks with this. For a psychiatric disability it has a high mortality right, so it is really important to get people to the right treatment. As long as someone is getting the treatment that they need in a setting that is appropriate to their needs, of

course we’ll help them with other stuff.”

Alice Loper, the Student Health Services director, says that eating disorders are among the most difficult things to treat.

“It’s long-term treatment,” Loper said. “It’s not like you go to an appointment and you’re going to be fine because it’s deeply rooted with psychological issues. Some people get over it, and for some people it takes years.”

According to Loper, Student Health Services takes a similar approach as Counseling Services to the issue.

“We would be happy to talk to them and get them help, but it’s just not something we can do through the school,” Loper said.

GCSU students who believe they have an eating disorder are strongly encouraged to seek help.

## Webcam

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Some of the proposed locations will include the Student Activity Center, West Campus and the Wellness Center. They will be stationed inside and outside the foundations, Mullins said.

Public Safety believes the we-

bcams are beneficial in complementing their services on campus. Public Safety will have access to the footage captured by the webcam in gathering evidence for crimes conducted on campus.

Mullins said SGA and University Communications have recently addressed some off-campus viewing issues and hope to have the website public within the week.

## Parking

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that there was an emergency parking zone there. Little did I know the mistake would cost me half a day and \$110.”

Some students’ to-

tals for tickets have reached even higher amounts. Cici Jacobs, a freshman mass communication major, declared that her totals on tickets have almost reached \$150. Andy Hitt, a freshman undeclared major, has also received two tickets this se-

mester.

The best advice for students in regards to parking is to always ensure parking within the correct zone. Remember, it doesn’t matter if it is raining or not. The Parking Enforcement Office will be enforcing the rules, regardless.

## SGA

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side doors in their buildings. The keys work on both main entrances but not on the other doors.

The students said that rather than walking around the building, they prop the doors open and un-prop them when they go back inside. However, some students don’t un-prop them and leave

them where anyone can get in. The students said they would feel safer if they had access to unlocking these doors because then the doors wouldn’t be left open.

“It went really well, we had a lot of freshmen come out and talk to us about their problems,” said SGA senator Katie Dunn. “SGA will be taking those suggestions and working on them to better our campus.”

## Recycling

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good at separating the items out into different bins,” Hamlett said. “The only issue we’ve had is people leaving liquids in bottles, but otherwise they do a pretty good job.”

The program coordinators encourage students to get involved by recycling trash they accrue in their apartments or residence hall rooms as well. However, one problem they have run into is these students taking all of their personal recycling to on-campus bins which are not large enough to hold that kind of material.

“The bins that we have are designed for what they are being used for right now,” said Doug Oetter, associate professor of geography and advisor for the Environmental

Science Club. “We wouldn’t want to put that at the Bobcat food court or in the residence halls where there is a lot more volume.”

SGA and the other program coordinators are trying to work out another system before bins can be placed in the residence halls. The date has not yet been set for when the system will go into effect.

“Any student can go and use the centers, they’re not limited to the (bins) on campus,” Brittain said.

During National Recycling Week, the Environmental Science Club also hopes to help students understand what can and cannot be recycled in the recycling bins. Aluminum cans should be emptied before they are placed in the bins. The only plastic that can be accepted is PET # 1 or HDPE # 3, that information can be found inside the recycling logo on the bottom of the container. Any newspaper or mixed paper must be dry and free of food

waste. Cardboard boxes can also be recycled if broken down, flattened and left neatly beside the containers for pick up.

“Ultimately, if we don’t have a clean product, it gets thrown away, and that defeats the purpose,” Brittain said. “It’s going to take a lot of effort of the recycling programs part to educate campus on what’s acceptable and what’s not.”

There are also other things that can be recycled on campus other than what the bins allow, more details on those items can be found at [gcsu.edu/green/recycle](http://gcsu.edu/green/recycle).

Some of the things that are not acceptable include yogurt cups, pizza boxes, napkins, paper towels or anything with food residue.

“I’ve met several of the volunteers and they are dedicated and energetic and ambitious and they are the real backbone of our community service,” Oetter said. “I don’t want to burn them out because of moldy

yogurt cups.”

They are still working out some of the details including how often the bins have to be maintained.

“It’s great and awesome that people are using it, but people are using it a lot,” Brittain said. “We’ve got a group designated for each bin out, but they’re being used at a faster rate than they can be maintained.”

Another thing the program has done to help educate students is hiring the transfer station coordinator, Charles Hamilton. He is manning the facilities 20 hours a week to help students when they drop off their materials.

“Right now it’s a little bit slow, word hasn’t gotten out to everyone about the process yet,” Hamilton said. “I think it’s definitely going to pick up as time goes on, I’ve noticed a big increase just since I’ve started.”

The hours for the Centennial Center transfer station are from 10

a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The transfer station at The Village is open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The program coordinators hope increase the publicity of the program so more students are aware of the times and where they can take their recyclable materials.

“The sooner we can demonstrate savings the more we can continue to grow program, and you’re not going to demonstrate the savings based on how much money you save on plastic or newspaper, it’s how much less you pay for garbage disposal,” Oetter said. “It’s a good start, and it’s also a wonderful opportunity to educate people about the role that they play in their own material existence.”

Think it. Type it. Text it.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT



**1 DRUGS FOR CARS?** **November 12 at 4:20 p.m.** Sgt. Ennis was dispatched to some apartments in reference to a suspicious vehicle and person, according to Public Safety. Old Capitol Wrecker Service had advised dispatch that a male had offered the cashier some drugs in lieu of cash to get his vehicle out of impound. Contact was made with the male, who advised he was only joking. A search of his vehicle found a glass smoking device. The pipe was destroyed and he was given a verbal warning for his actions at Old Capitol and possession of drug paraphernalia. The case has been turned over to Student Judicial.

**2 FLAG SNATCHING** **November 8 at 1:30 p.m.** A female reported that between Oct. 1 and Nov. 1 unknown person(s) stole the U.S. Flag and pole from the front porch of the Carl Vinson House, according to Public Safety. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

**3 TREE-NAPED** **November 8 at 1 p.m.** A female reported that between Nov. 5 and Nov. 8, unknown person(s) pulled up a cypress tree from the flower pot in front of Atkinson, according to Public Safety. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

**4 JUVENILE JABS** **November 9 at 4:43 p.m.** A female reported that while walking down the sidewalk at Hancock and Clarke streets, a vehicle passed her and a male yelled “faggot” at her from inside the vehicle, according to Public Safety. She made contact with the driver and passengers, who were all juveniles and demanded an apology. The rear seat passenger was the one yelling out the window and apologized to her. The female was able to get the tag number of the vehicle and found the juveniles were students at John Milledge Academy. The school will get a copy of the report and deal with the students in question.

**5 VODKA MISHAPS** **November 9 at 7:29 p.m.** Officer Purvis was dispatched to The Village in reference to a panic alarm activation, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with the residents who stated they were playing around. Officer Purvis observed that one of the males was having a hard time staying on his feet and had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. When asked how much he had to drink, he replied “nothing.” When tested on the Breathalyzer, he registered .122. The male then admitted to drinking vodka earlier and to pushing the panic alarm. The case has been turned over to Student Judicial Board.

**6 BATHROOM BONGS** **November 9 at 10:50 p.m.** Officer Purvis was dispatched to The Village in reference to an anonymous call about the smell of marijuana coming from that room, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with four individuals. Officer Purvis could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the room. Two of the individuals admitted to smoking marijuana in the bathroom and turned over the marijuana and a smoking device. The apartment resident was outside smoking a cigarette and was brought back to her apartment and was advised that she was responsible for her guests. The case has been turned over to Student Judicial Board.

**7 RAMBLING WRECKS** **November 14 at 2:58 a.m.** Officer Smith was dispatched to Adams Hall in reference to an intoxicated student, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with a male, who had been found wandering around the hallway. No one was able to understand anything he was saying and all he did was ramble on and on. When tested on the Breathalyzer, the male registered .234. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

**8 ELEVATOR EPISODE** **November 14 at 11:26 a.m.** A male reported that the elevator on the 2nd and 3rd floor of Wells Hall had been vandalized, according to Public Safety. Evidence was collected, statements taken and the case turned over to Investigations.

**9 STOP, ID, RUN** **November 8 at 6:39 p.m.** Milledgeville Police Department requested assistance in apprehending a male, who had outstanding warrants through Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office, according to Public Safety. Sgt. Reonas, Officer Smith and Officer Purvis, along with several MPD officers, arrived at West Thomas Circle, where the male was supposedly at. When the officers arrived, he took off running. Officer Purvis was able to apprehend the male and turn him over to MPD.

**10 LISCENSE LARCENY** **November 14 at 2:13 p.m.** A male reported that the license plate on the front of his pickup truck had been stolen while parked in the area of Bonner Park, according to Public Safety. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

**Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.**

# WHAT’S HAPPENING

**Friday, November 19**

8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Free Flu Shot with Bobcat ID (Health Services in Beeson Hall)
11 a.m.	Greenhouse Open House (Greenhouse, east of Herty Hall)
7 p.m.	CAB Movie Night: Inception (Magnolia Ballroom)

**Saturday, November 20**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Potato Drop (Baldwin County Board of Education)
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**Sunday, November 21**

2 p.m.	Steel Magnolias (Campus Black Box Theatre)
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**Monday, November 22**

7:30 p.m.	Small Ensembles Fall Concert (Max Noah Recital Hall)
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**Tuesday, November 23**

5:30 p.m.	Lady Bobcats vs. West Georgia (Centennial Center)
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Santa’s Miracle Fund Meeting (Student Activities Center: Maple Room B)
8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Strong Enough to Care Meeting (GIVE Center)

**Wednesday - Friday, November 24 - 26**

*Thanksgiving Holidays*

**Monday, November 29**

All Day	Art Exhibit Opens: Measure of All Things, senior Zachery Harris (Blackbird Hall)
All Day	Art Exhibit Opens: The Collective Mind, Casie Pace (Blackbird Hall)
12:30 p.m.	GIVE Center Pacesetters: Careers in Non-Profits / NGO’s (Student Activities Center: Dogwood A&B)

**Wednesday, December 1**

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.	SGA Senate (SAC: Dogwood Conference Room)
12:30 p.m.	Times Talk (Beeson Hall Lower Level)
6 p.m.	CAB: Christmas Carnival
6:30 p.m.	American Democracy Project Meeting (Beeson Hall)

**Friday, December 3**

7 p.m.	First Friday Foreign Film: “Pather Panchali” (Arts & Sciences Auditorium)
7:30 p.m.	Music Department Holiday Concert (Russell Auditorium)

## BY THE NUMBERS

**6**  
Citations for improper turn  
(at the intersection of Centennial Lot and Franklin Street)

**3**  
Citations for improper parking

**3**  
Citations for expired tags

**2**  
Incidents involving vehicle damage

**1**  
Stolen Tree

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## Doubly dangerous, delicious



ALEX SMITH

After months of wanting to try the KFC Double Down, I finally ponied up the \$5 and risked the immediate stoppage of my heart to try this modern marvel. For those of you not familiar with the Double Down, it is a sandwich of two fried chicken breasts with bacon, cheese and a sauce in between the two. What, you say? No buns? Nope, this chicken “sandwich” is on the cutting edge of bun-less sandwich technology. As I stepped into KFC, I became a little worried when I didn’t see the Double Down on the menu, or on any special display. I knew the limited time offer began in spring of

this year, but I wasn’t sure when it would end. I approached the counter, leaned forward and asked the cashier if they still made the Double Down. She looked side to side as if we were making some kind of bad transaction and told me they still made it. To be sure though, she brought the manager over and asked her. The manager turned to me and said, “Yeah, I think we can do that.” As I handed the cashier my money, the manager walked back into the kitchen and began to tell the cooks how to make the Double Down. I guess they were new workers and uninformed of the greatness that is the Double Down, but they were flabbergasted when the manager told them not to use a bun to make the sandwich. She promptly returned with the sandwich, and I was on my way. I returned to my apartment, and

“She looked side to side as if we were making some kind of bad transaction and told me they still made it.”

like a giddy boy on Christmas morning tearing open his presents, I tore the wrapper off and began to inspect the sandwich. It was much larger than I imagined it being, and like all fast food, it wasn’t as attractive as in the commercials; but, none the less, I took the first bite. The exterior was the crunchy, fried layer that KFC is known for, and as you bite through the whole sandwich, the sauce oozes out onto your tongue. I’m not sure what the sauce is made of, but it made the sandwich. The taste of the cheese

was unnoticeable, and only served to bind the two pieces of chicken together. The bacon was masked by the overwhelmingly good sauce, and merely added to the salty quality of the Double Down. Hopefully KFC will keep this sandwich around because it is really tasty. Along with the taste, there is an intangible quality about it that makes it seem like you’re eating something incredibly exotic. The health-concerned individual can rest easy since the Double Down only has 540 calories, according to KFC. Although the sodium levels are off the chart, which may be the only criticism, in that the sandwich may be a little too salty. But overall, the Double Down is a really good sandwich, and for someone who doesn’t normally care for fried chicken, this is a great alternative when your crew wants to hit up KFC.

## Ask CLAIRE!



CLAIRE CHILDS  
ADVICE COLUMNIST

As college students we are plagued by constant problems. Granted, some of these problems are of our own making, such as waiting until the last minute on an assignment or sickness brought on by a little too much fun downtown or the combination.

As if we weren’t doing a good enough job ourselves, teachers, friends and extracurricular activities thrust other issues upon us.

College, for most of us, is the first time we are responsible for feeding ourselves, doing things our own way, dealing with our own mistakes. And here comes the big one. College is the first time we live with people other than our families.

Freshman year is often the most fun, but most tumultuous year of one’s life to date. But you don’t feel bad if the drama never seems to end.

Roommate issues, relationship issues and weight issues have a funny way of fading into homework issues, pending career decisions and financial problems.

Do you ever think “oh my god what am I going to do? No one else in the world has these problems!” or my personal favorites: “I hate my life.” or “Why am I so ridiculous?”

Don’t fear, Claire is here. I promise you, any issue you may have, I’ve been there. Life is hard, but you shouldn’t have to go through it alone. I got through it alive, and you can too.

So I’m here to help. Send me your problems, issues and concerns. I’ll tell you what I would do, now that I have the wisdom of having done it the wrong way the first time or knowing someone who did.

To get your question answered, send an e-mail addressed to Claire to [colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu), a message to The Colonnade with “Ask Claire!” as the subject line or post your question to our wall. You can tweet or direct message your questions as well.

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Don’t forget to sign it as something clever, preferably utilizing alliteration, but that’s completely up to you. Identities of advice seekers will be kept completely anonymous, so don’t worry we will keep your secrets.

Ask away my friends, and I shall answer.

## Shut up, eat your turkey



STEVE HOLBERT

Thanksgiving is meant to be a celebration. It’s a day when Americans gorge in remembrance of the last supper shared with the Native Americans, before we wiped them out with smallpox. Families seem to forget the importance of this holiday among their daily quarrels, so here are a few helpful tips for making the family get together more enjoyable

This holiday revolves around food, so if the preparation and consumption of the Thanksgiving meal runs smoothly, then the rest of the day should do the same. If cooking takes too long, then guests get flustered, but chaining women to kitchen floors in this age is considered “extreme.” Likewise, men chewing tobacco around a deep fryer, which is shaped like a spittoon, can only end terribly.

To avoid both problems, I suggest ordering fast food, which should please everyone. In case your family contains a single vegetarian who promotes their lifestyle in an elitist fashion, simply put meat in every disk. They can’t complain if they starve to death. If the meal becomes too overwhelming, simply run out the kitchen crying and explain some estranged war veteran robbed the place at gunpoint. Then, food will cease to matter.

In addition to dietary concerns, family conflicts always creep up during the holiday season, but these small tiffs can easily be mended. A divorce does not have to remain a silent taboo. Divide the house in half with a role of tape and force everyone to pick a side. This promotes unity and competition within the group and avoids any misconceptions. After the line is drawn, make sure family members who cannot get along avoid one another and destroy conflicts before they start. It only takes 15 minutes to print out signs, which allow each bigot, gold digger and closeted homosexual their own designated rooms to socialize with others of their kind.

Once every family member gets along, ensure each activity does not upset the delicate balance of silence and denial. The “What I’m Thankful For” game always turns into a humility contest and should be avoided at all cost. Besides, it’s only a matter of time before two cousins name the same female coworker.

Instead, a strong game of pretend is encouraged. Each person can imagine college or the Obama administration does not exist, which keeps the condescending questions to a minimum. The family can watch television and spend their days staring at a screen, like good Americans. However, the Thanksgiving Day Parade always starts arguments about commercialism and the sexual orientations of cartoons, so families should watch something everyone can relate with, such as “Cops” or “Sex In The City 2.”

If none of these suggestions work, take your family to a soup kitchen and volunteer. Not only does it give back to the community, but it also puts your personal blessings into a much clearer perspective.

## Our Voice

*Thank you, and you, and you.*

Every fourth Thursday of November, we as Americans take time to celebrate Thanksgiving, a tradition that is around 400 years old, give or take a few years. In lieu of that tradition, which will again be celebrated Thursday, Nov. 25, here is what we at The Colonnade are thankful for.

First of all we are thankful to live in a country that has given us freedom of the speech and freedom of the press and exchange of information. We as a newspaper staff and as journalists owe our very survival to those stipulations.

We as a staff are very thankful to the dozens of writers who make our jobs, especially the editors’ a little bit easier and a little less stressful. We’ve been blessed by many writers, some mass communication majors and some not, who take time out of their busy daily schedules and volunteer to interview sources and cover events, which allows us to put out a newspaper week in and week out.

We are thankful to the hundreds of sources around campus and even off campus who we talk to every year and the time and consideration they give us. These sources range from random students on campus to faculty and staff to administrators and coaches to student athletes. They all have their own schedules, and they are not required by any laws to talk to us or give us information. But they do, anyway.

We are thankful to our professors who lend us guidance, support and advice toward becoming a better and more improved media organization. They are the ones who have given us the skills as writers, reporters and designers to be successful in keeping The Colonnade a well-run operation

with sincere integrity.

We are thankful to be a part of a university that embraces us and has provided us with the advanced tools necessary for success. The past few years and even this semester alone, we have improved our newsroom with bigger and faster technology. We’ve launched a new and improved Web site. And we’ve continued to rack up awards, winning General Excellence once again at the Georgia College Press Association Awards and won awards at the Southeastern Journalism Conference since the last Thanksgiving passed us by.

We are thankful to be a part of a university that embraces diversity and more importantly, diversity of thought. We have been able to bring you, the readers coverage of a multitude of events, people and places connected to our campus community and those that keep conversation amongst readers going.

Most of all, we are thankful to you, the readers. We thank you for picking up our newspaper every week and reading it. It’s not uncommon for our newsstands all around campus to run bare by the middle of the week before the next issue is put out. We sincerely appreciate not only you reading it, but also the compliments and feedback we get back from you. Even if the feedback isn’t positive, we appreciate it. Our goal is to always be improving and never be stagnant. So thank you, readers. Without you, this would not be possible. It’s your right to know and our duty to inform.

We at The Colonnade wish you and your families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

## 2012 presidential predictions



IAN BRIDGEFORTH

With the 2010 midterms behind us—despite a few races that are still being decided—the next race that will undoubtedly dominate the all day, every day news cycle is the 2012 presidential election.

And while clearly it is too early to tell, it won’t stop the pundits and prognosticators from speculating. Admittedly, I’ve done my own share of speculation as well. But I want to make one quick point. Even though the media usually just mentions a few candidates like former governors Sarah Palin and Mitt Romney, I have a feeling the candidates prematurely picked by conven-

tional wisdom will not be the end result when the primaries end.

When President Obama first announced in February 2007 that he was running, most people thought it was a joke. It was already written in stone that the Clinton machine would make a clean sweep to victory.

Fast forward to November 2008 and not only had he beaten Clinton, but in the general election, he ended up winning certain states that many thought were unimaginable. Indiana, North Carolina, and Virginia, which normally conservative states, were all blue.

So when the numerous GOP figures start announcing their candidacies for the 2012 nomination, I’m not looking at Romney or Palin or Gingrich. I’ll be looking at those unconventional candidates because if there has been any continuing trends through 2008 and 2010, it’s that nothing in today’s political realm is impossible.

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# THE LITTER BOX

THE THOUGHTS AND RANTS OF GCSU

The only thing holding back the DEN from being perfect: the Dr. Pepper dispenser has too much syrup. On a sidenote, GO BOBCATS!

If you are studying ALONE in the library, don't take up the GROUP study room..

Whoever came up with the locations of the smoking sections must be prejudiced against smokers. I will not stand by a dumpster or on the sidewalk out in the rain just to smoke. I'll make a designated smoking section T-shirt and I'll be my own smoking section and I'll have lots of friends.

I am really tired of boring people. People who bring nothing to the table. Do they expect to get by based on their looks? I guess so and i guess it is working because there are so many of them

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There is NO reason for the apartment to be 68 degrees on COLD when it's 55 degrees in the morning! Is my roommate TRYING to make me sick?!

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# Bobcat Beat

REPORTED BY MICHAEL FORSYTH

“Do you blog? If so, what about?”



**“I mainly just blog about stuff I’m doing because I have a lot of friends who go to different colleges, and it’s a way I can stay in touch with them. Basically just anything that goes through my head as well.”**

*Sara Cordova, freshman history major*

**“I blog about the entertainment industry, like comics and movies and stuff like that.”**

*Powell Cobb, sophomore marketing major*



**“I blog about sports. Mostly baseball, but all sports.”**

*T.J. Cornay, sophomore economics major*

**“I blog about a range of things, politics, music, or whatever is on my mind at the time.”**

*Brent Tripp, sophomore philosophy major*



**“Just my every day, just whatever’s going on at the time.”**

*Jennifer Jensen, mass communication major*

**“I blog about how difficult it is to be single sometimes.”**

*Kat Mann, sophomore music major*



**“Mainly just art. Random things I guess, paintings and stuff.”**

*Nate Ladd, freshman art major*

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## Potter Phenomenon: *Harry Potter saga casts its spell on GCSU*

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### How to be a wizard

Dressing up as a character from Harry Potter is half the fun in seeing the movies. Costumes and props can serve as great conversation starters and let's be honest— how many chances do you get to dress up as a wizard and pretend to cast spells on people? (If only the fake wand could help make the movie prices lower or the popcorn less salty). Here, senior English major Anna Penn and senior psychology major Jared Thomas show off their best Hermione Granger and Draco Malfoy impressions.

### The end of an era



AMANDA BODDY  
FEATURES EDITOR

Beanie Babies, gel pens and electronic pets have come and gone, but one childhood fad has remained: Harry Potter. Since the release of the first book in 1998 to part two of the last movie in 2011, the wizarding world has continued to entice and interest.

I received "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" for Christmas when I was in fourth grade, two months after its United States release. I was just getting to that age where I was reading chapter books and my mom and I would read one each night. It didn't take long for me to fall under Harry's spell and stick with him until the end.

It's interesting how Harry and his friends have been with so many of us since we started reading and remained constant all the way through finishing college. We have waited in lines to buy the books at the nearest bookstore and dressed up as the famous characters in anticipation of the midnight releases of the movies. We have practiced spells and taped our glasses and I know I can't be the only one who waited for that fateful letter on my eleventh birthday.

The sense of expectation and impatience that has always accompanied the release of the books and movies has only strengthened the fanship of Harry Potter. As much as we were itching to get to the next book, the wait has allowed us to truly grow up with Harry, Hermione and Ron.

The anticipation of the next Harry Potter adventure that has been our childhood companion is soon to end, though. Nov. 19 marks the release of part one of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" with part two following on July 15, 2011. While the credits of part two will mark the end of the Harry Potter era, the legacy of the series and the wisdom of Albus Dumbledore from "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" remain with us. "It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

## Parkhurst hosts Potter programs

BRITTANY HENDERSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Muggles flocked to get their chocolate frogs and pretzel wands and gulped down Butterbeer during their trip to Hogsmeade. Dodging evil darts in Defense Against the Dark 'Darts' program and combining Mentos and Coke to create an explosive Potions class followed the trip to Hogsmeade. Parkhurst residents, just a few days earlier, received their official letters to attend Parkhurst's Wizarding School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

About seventy-seven Parkhurst Pirates attended the Trip to Hogsmeade program on Nov. 11 in the Parkhurst community room to kick off Harry Potter Month.

For the month of November, Parkhurst Hall is celebrating Harry Potter Month with programs leading up to the premiere of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1" on Nov. 19.

Junior biology major Mark Jestel is the community advisor on the first floor of Parkhurst and originally came up with the idea of Harry Potter



BRITTANY HENDERSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Parkhurst staff hosted the Herbology program where, students painted pots and planted plants. Herbology is just one of eight programs celebrating Harry Potter Month.

Month.

"It is just kind of going along with the movie coming out. This is (the) Harry Potter we have all grown up with," Jestel said. "It's a part of our childhood and why not go with it and have a good time with it."

Harry Potter programs - such as Trip to Hogsmeade, Defense Against the Dark 'Darts,' Potions, Herbology, Astronomy, Charms, Quaffles and Waffles, and the Yule Ball - meet all

varieties of students' likes and dislikes.

Originally community advisors from Bell and Parkhurst halls brainstormed a program called Quaffles and Waffles, but the concept was given a dash of potions and charms to become an entire month devoted to Harry Potter.

Sophomore math major Katherine Austen is a community advisor on the third

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## Movie Review: *'These are dark times...'*

CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

Where it levels on the basis of properly adapting the book is not for me to say, but "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I" is the one Harry Potter film that finally gets it right in terms of strictly being what it is. I enjoyed watching the other six installments to a fair degree, but here is the first one that doesn't feel completely overshadowed or restrained by the obligations of being a novel before it became a feature film. Everyone knows you can't judge a book by its cover. But more importantly, you can't judge a movie by its book, and this movie stands as a full-proof example of what happens when something contemporary breaks free and becomes a first-rate piece of quality film-making.

Following the conclusion of "The Half-Blood Prince," Lord Voldemort and his henchmen have seized total control of the wizarding world. Harry's introduction recycles the old beginner's formula at the Dursleys with his birthday approaching, but the kicker this time is that neither he nor his friends will be returning to Hogwarts. Instead, the

three of them embark on a quest to seek and destroy a series of "horcruxes," which are small pieces of Voldemort's soul. They also commandeer the long lost Gryffindor sword and

"Dating back to the earlier years when they were children, I must say it is rather fascinating to recall the dark evolution of what used to be a family-oriented affair.."

*Chris Moskaly, Reviewer*

some kind of pendant that holds the key to the Deathly Hallows. I assume this is the general concept?

Splitting a 600-page novel into two separate films, the studio obviously couldn't bare to see a single detail left out, and I could sense it within the first 30 minutes. Familiarity with the novel is always

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## Bringing Broadway back

*Musical theatre scenes celebrate the oldies and goodies of Broadway*

MOLLY HOLMES  
STAFF REPORTER

Ten GCSU students with majors ranging from theatre and English, to marketing and mass communication, got to display their vocal talents during Musical Theatre Scenes, "A Night of Classic Broadway" on Tuesday, Nov. 16. The performance was a collection of musical scenes from much loved Broadway classics such as "My Fair Lady" and "Annie Get Your Gun."

"I'm a theatre major, I love to perform and I love musicals, so this put it all together for me," said senior theatre and English major Dottie Pratt. This was Pratt's seventh time participating in the class, but also her last as she is planning on graduating in December.

Pratt preformed in four of the seven scenes. The first scene starred Pratt as Eliza singing "Just You Wait" from "My Fair Lady," which Pratt suggested to director and professor of the class, Dr. Wendy Mullen in the beginning of the semester. The scene

also starred freshman theatre major Evan Wells as Mr. Higgins and freshman music therapy major Eric Pratt as Pickering.

Dr. Mullen chooses all the songs the class will perform for the semester after all the class members audition.

"We have auditions the first day of class," Dr. Mullen explained about how rapidly the class goes from introduction to performance, "It moves very quickly, [the students] get a music rehearsal, a staging rehearsal, and then they're supposed to be off-book and we rehearse it a couple of times, then it's the show."

The musical theatre scenes class has been around for the past 12 years, since Dr. Mullen came to GCSU. Anyone can audition and be in the show, allowing the class to have students from many different majors.

"I love musical theater and to sing and act but it's not my major," said sophomore marketing



KENDYL WADE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

From top left, Dottie Pratt, Courtney Kelley, Haley Steele and Jami Terracino and from bottom left, Rachel Harwell and Jordan Isbell perform in Tuesday's Musical Theatre Scenes: A Night of Classis Broadway. The entire cast performed songs from shows such as "My Fair Lady" and "Annie, Get Your Gun."

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# Spotlight:

## Thanksgiving facts and traditions

Thanksgiving wasn’t an official holiday on the final Thursday of November until 1941.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln set aside the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanks in a proclamation.

The writer of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” was one of the most influential people in trying to get Thanksgiving to be an official holiday; she tried for about 40 years and eventually led to Lincoln’s proclamation.

Minnesota, North Carolina, California, Missouri and Virginia are the states where most of the turkeys we eat on Thanksgiving are raised.

The first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade took place in 1924 and featured Macy’s employees with wild animals from the Central Park Zoo.

New York was the first state to make the holiday an official custom in 1817.

The first Thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims was in 1621. They were grateful that they survived the journey to America because about half of them perished.

In spite of modern day portrayals of the Pilgrims, they probably didn’t just wear black and white and buckles weren’t in fashion until later. Those Pilgrims were on top of the trends!

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By Danielle Paluga

## Local store houses the past

AMANDA BRODZIK  
STAFF WRITER

At Auntie Bellum’s Attic, an antique store located at 110 N. Wayne St. in Milledgeville, treasures can be found throughout. A lace dress, a Beatles record, a tribal mask and a print of “Gone with the Wind” can all be found in the store.

Since its opening in May 2007, the store has boasted antiques, collectibles, vintage items and gifts.

“Auntie Bellum’s Attic has lent its hand in making Milledgeville an antique destination,” said Belinda Washlesky, former executive director of Milledgeville Main Street. “There is something there for the whole family.”

Auntie Bellum’s Attic acquires its rare and odd objects from auctions, estate sales and their 25 dealer-run booths. Century-old furniture, rare glassware and pre-Columbian items can often be sighted along with common antiques such as decor, plates, toys, books, cloth-

ing, coins and pictures.

According to Larry Houston, owner of Auntie Bellum’s Attic, the store has reasonable prices for antique collectors and college students alike.

“We have the lowest prices between Atlanta and Florida,” he said.

“Some of the college students I know like to shop there for their dorm rooms,”

**“Auntie Bellum’s Attic has lent its hand in making Milledgeville an antique destination.”**

*Belinda Washlesky,  
former executive director of  
Milledgeville Main Street*

Washlesky added. “It is so affordable and it is like a treasure hunt.”

As far as the antiques themselves go, Houston is “never surprised by what someone will buy or bring into sell. The rarer and stranger, the better.”

One of the rarest items

the store has seen, according to Houston, is a book.

“We once sold a book for \$5 and after we sold it they (the customer) told us it was worth \$1,200,” he said.

Aside from that one thrifty customer, Auntie Bellum’s Attic is visited by many regular clients once a week.

“We get customers that make regular antique stops

through Georgia as well as a lot of locals,” Houston said. “We have even had customers that have been on ‘Antique’s Road Show.’”

According to Houston, there are no popular items;

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## Guest artist’s journey to GCSU

CONNOR JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Back in the days of the Renaissance, young and aspiring artists used to travel from town to town, trying to make a living off of their musical talents. Today, though the travels may not be as drastic or difficult, the same concept still exists.

When a traveling artist visits GCSU, the responsibility falls upon the Music Department to take care of and accommodate them. Dr. Victor Vallo, Chair of the Music Department, explained in an interview how arrangements are made for their guests.

“The Music Department has a specific Guest Artist budget that consists of about \$20,000,” Vallo said. “Denise Forehand, our executive administrative assistant, is the one who is in charge of ensuring the artists receive what they need while they are here. This semester alone, we have already had four guest artists come and perform here at the school, the latest of which being Kevin Sharpe.”

Kevin Sharpe is the associate professor of music at the University of Florida. He has been working there for more than twenty years, helping guide students on their way to achieving success in their respective musical fields. During his stay at GCSU, he performed Beethoven’s last three sonnets in the Max Noah Recital Hall. Of his piano performance, Sharpe said,

“I don’t play much Beethoven, but at one point someone made a joke that I should play Beethoven’s last three sonnets for a recital. I took it as a challenge and personal calling to perform them, and so that is what I decided to play tonight as well.”

According to Dr. Vallo, the Music Department take measures to avoid having to keep up with the receipts of guest artists.

“Instead of paying for several separate things, we give all of the artists a lump sum check when they come to GCSU. This includes room charges, gas, and any other ex-

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# Making their mark

How the tattoo trend has impacted GCSU students



Sophomore Patrick Saccomb shows off his tattoo of Saint Patrick that he got to honor his Irish-Catholic background. Saccomb also plans on getting a tattoo of his family's coat of arms.

DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF REPORTER

Tattoos tend to be more common among college students, being seen as a “right of passage” in some cases.

Tattoos are very personal, often containing a story or special meaning behind the chosen design. There are those that have gotten a tattoo just because, but those with stories want to share them to show that getting something permanent is something to think about.

Senior Spanish major Rachel Ulloa has a tattoo on her wrist of the Spanish word “está.”

“Getting a tattoo is not something I take lightly at all, so I spent the past year debating where I should get it, if I should get it, and so on,” Ulloa said.

Ulloa got her tattoo this past July in Milledgeville. The significance of it has to do with her Hispanic background, her fa-

vorite Bible verse and the inherent meaning of the word. The verse is Psalm 46:5: “God is within her, she will not fall,” and the word “está” loosely means “is” in Spanish. There are two words that mean “to be” in Spanish and that is what Ulloa loves about it.

“In this Bible verse the verb estar was chosen to place more emphasis on the location, not necessarily the being, or person, of God,” Ulloa said.

Later in the year after Ulloa got her tattoo, she went with her roommate senior math major Elizabeth Carpenter to get hers. Carpenter’s tattoo is the phrase “Carpe Diem,” which means “Seize the day” in Latin. The saying is a favorite of hers from elementary school.

What makes the tattoo so special to Carpenter is the design of it and the day when

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## Movie Review: Due Date

RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF WRITER

The critics have been far too harsh on “Due Date,” claiming that the performances by Robert Downy, Jr. and Zach Galifianakis were not up to their full potentials. But I beg to differ. From the first ridiculous scenes of the movie, “Due Date” delivers true comedy.

The film relies on the juxtaposition of the roles of Downy and Galifianakis, a quite unlikely duo. “Due Date” uses characters who are polar opposites just like “Cop Out” and “The Other Guys” – except that “Due Date” is immeasurably more fresh than the tired and campy slapstick jokes of Tracy Morgan and Will Ferrell.

Granted, the storyline of going on a road trip with an awful travelling partner has become a little bit tired. But the plot is not tired enough to write off “Due Date” as nothing more than a mediocre comedy.

Downy plays a high-strung and ambitious architect who wants nothing more than to get back to Los Angeles to witness the birth of his son. But, due to Galifianakis’ character’s actions, Downy is kicked off of his flight and lands himself on the no-fly list. Also, his wallet took the plane ride without him, so he is forced to ride with Galifianakis from Atlanta to Los Angeles. Somehow,



SOURCE: LEGENDARY PICTURES

## Grade: B+

actor who aims to score a role in “Two in a Half Men.” No surprises about Galifianakis’ character – his brand of humor has nearly cornered him into playing a very particular type of role. But, in all of his successful movies, his magic relies nearly entirely on interacting with other actors. Galifianakis performs as well with Robert Downy, Jr. in “Due Date” as he did with Bradley Cooper in “The Hangover.”

Which brings me to another important factor to note about “Due Date:” it

One important factor to keep in mind about “Due Date” is its attempt to fill the comedic void that 2010 has pitifully offered. With all of the incredible action and drama films released this year, the best Hollywood comedy of the year before “Due Date” was arguably “Dinner for Schmucks,” which isn’t saying very much.

Instead, 2010 has presented more movies like the pathetic attempt at cheap laughs in “Grown Ups” and the shameless and unnecessary sequel of “Get Him to the Greek.” Plus, don’t even get me started on “Furry Vengeance” with Brendan Frasier or any of these “comedies” starring Michael Cera. If either of these actors never acted in another movie, the world would undoubtedly become a much better place.

When put into the context of the other comedy flops of the past year, “Due Date” shines far brighter. My recommendation would be for any comedy connoisseur to see it at some point, if not in theaters. “Due Date” is well worth the time, especially to watch with a group of friends.

*Ryan del Campo,  
Reviewer*

**“When put into the context of the other comedy flops of the past year, “Due Date” shines far brighter.”**

Downy figured out a way to eliminate his careless attitude and most of the wit from Iron Man and Sherlock Holmes and still remain quite funny.

Galifianakis plays an unkempt and bizarre wannabe

is not “The Hangover.” So, please don’t expect it to be. But, for you Galifianakis fans, hopefully “Due Date” will be able to keep your funny bone satisfied until “The Hangover Part II” comes out.



Movie

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an advantage when there’s so much to take in, but for the sake of people like me, David Yates does a fair job of breaking down every little detail so that we can understand the collective significance of what it all means, which is good considering this is only half the glass.

J.K. Rowling fought hard for years trying to get an R-rating in what she felt had to be the most graphic chapter of the series, and while she may have lost that battle in the end, there are numerous moments in the film where I could almost feel the director cringing from behind the camera over what can’t be revealed to the younger audience. Enlighten me Potter fans: just how violent is Hermione’s torture scene in the book? Because in the movie, you “hear” it more than you see it, and that made me curious.

Dating back to the earlier years when they were children, I must say it is rather fascinating to recall the dark evolution of what used to be a family-oriented affair. Obviously the plot had to mature as the main characters got older, but in two hours and 40 minutes, the dark and ominous feeling of danger never dissipates for a second in this film. It’s almost like you’ve been caught in a choke-hold of suspense. And even when things do seem to be at ease for a minute, it never diminishes the fear in your gut that somewhere above our heads, a black cloud of death-eaters are just waiting to strike. An impressively poignant move to say the least, Mr. Yates. Is it also possible that using darker shades of color would create a parallel to the corrupted souls of the characters? Devoted readers may have already figured this out from their own analysis, but I prefer to walk away from a movie with questions instead of answers, and

“I prefer to walk away from a movie with questions instead of answers, and this is the first Harry Potter film to instill that scrutiny.”

Chris Moskaly,  
Reviewer

this is the first Harry Potter film to instill that scrutiny... good work you little four-eyed-scar-headed-bastard!

The biggest asset that sold me entirely to this Harry Potter film was how it embellished the three main characters on a personal level. In all the previous movies, I have felt somewhat (if not completely) detached because of all the wild action which manifested the big turning points. But now that the trio have begun their approach to an ultimate showdown, the more climactic moments exist by the magic in their souls, and not in their wands. This is most evident in a scene where Harry visits his parents’ grave site, and Hermione



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Grade: A-

takes it upon herself to... well no; it’s better if you see it for yourself. The chemistry between Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson really comes alive again in a scene where the two of them share a nice dance in a tent. I’m not sure exactly what it meant for the moment it lasted, but it serves as a provocative element of jealousy to Rupert Grint, who finally gets to be a full-rounded Ron Weasley and not the obligatory third wheel playing just for laughs.

Another interesting development among the traffic-jam list of characters is Lord Voldemort himself, who finally becomes something other than an “unmentionable name.” In a chilling performance by Ralph Fiennes, the character plays out like a dimensional compliment to Adolf Hitler. He is as hungry for power as they come, and his ability to manipulate the other members of the evil empire is owed a great deal to the legacy of historic world leaders who promise big success. And to say that his deliberate hatred of the muggle race mirrors the Nazi internment of the Jews... well I guess you can just pull the cat out of the bag on that one. Too bad he can’t ever catch a break; and by break, I mean nose.

I’m not sure if keeping all the details was the sole argument for having two movies, but in the tradition of Quentin Tarantino’s two-part saga “Kill Bill,” David Yates practically slices the reel in half as part one concludes on a note of pause more so than closure. That, however, is not to say that it can’t squeeze in one last curve-ball before the curtain comes down. If you’ve read the books, then you already know who must die in order for the story to continue. I, however, did not read the books, and because my eyes remain fresh, I’d be lying if I said I wasn’t anxious to see where we go from here. I just wish that in return for a positive review, those damn spiders from “Chamber of Secrets” would stop haunting my nightmares.

Parkhurst

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floor of Parkhurst Hall. “I’m super excited for the premiere and for the Yule Ball,” Austen said. “All the programs are going to be awesome.”

To end the Harry Potter Month, there will be a Yule Ball in the courtyard between Parkhurst and Foundation halls on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

“It’s actually the day right after Thanksgiving break, just so everyone can go home and get their prom dresses or their really nice clothes,” Jestel said.

There will be music by WGUR, GCSU’s campus radio station, and a tent accompanied with a dance floor. It is preferred for students to wear formal attire. The Parkhurst housing staff

has even taken the necessary precautions if it is too cold by ordering propane heaters to keep warm.

“For the most part, all of the other programs were centered around Parkhurst, but the Yule Ball is going to be for everyone,” Jestel said.

Sodexho will be catering the first 100 guests. Menu items consist of stuffed shells, steamed vegetables and cheesecake.

“Their catering is phenomenal,” Jestel said.

Invitations have been sent out for the Yule Ball and to join Parkhurst’s Wizarding School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

“Housing has been really helpful,” Jestel said. “They printed those up and all the other invitations.”

Freshman visual arts major Corissa Duffey has attended many of the Harry Potter programs.

“I saw a paper on the

wall advertising it, and then I received an invitation to all the events and a schedule,” Duffey said. “Definitely my favorite was Defense Against the ‘Dart’ Arts. It was in the community room and the light bulbs were replaced with black lights. We were playing in the dark, and it was based on capture the flag.”

Cindy McClanahan, the interim associate director of student development and housing marketing coordinator, is excited for the Yule Ball and the overall success of Harry Potter Month.

“One of the charges of the CA position is to host programs that develop community within the halls,” McClanahan said.

“Harry Potter Month is a creative way to provide our residents with a way to interact and get to know each other.”

Tattoos

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she got it. “It is written in my aunt’s handwriting. I went to live with her after my mom died when I was 13,” Carpenter said. “I also got the tattoo on the anniversary of her death.”

Some people have claimed that tattoos are addicting and this seems to be proved by the TV show personalities with countless tattoos. Carpenter feels the same saying that she can’t wait to get her next one, a dandelion that reminds her of her childhood with her mother.

Like Ulloa, Patrick Saccomb, a sophomore, feels strongly about his tattoo.

“Well nowadays people are getting tat-

toos just to get them. I feel like something that permanent should mean something,” Saccomb said.

He has a tattoo of Saint Patrick on his shoulder, which comes from his Irish-Catholic background. He also plans to get another tattoo: his family’s coat of arms.

Another person who shows that one tattoo is just not enough is Damian Cornelison, a senior criminal justice major.

His two tattoos are connected with his fraternity Pi Kappa Phi. One is the Greek letters with his initiation numbers and the other is their national symbol, the star shield.

“I had just always wanted to get a tattoo and once I was initiated into my fraternity I had (ideas for) tattoos I could get that would mean something special to me forever,” Cornelison said.

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major Haley Steele. The audience loved Steele’s starring role in the fourth scene as Annie from “Annie Get Your Gun” singing “Can’t Get a Man with a Gun.”

“Country music is my thing; I love country music so it was perfect,” said Steele about the scene.

Other students participated in the class to just have a little fun with musical theatre.

“I loved getting to work with people who are awesome and talented and getting to sing,” said freshman theatre major Rachel Harwell who played Carrie in “Mister Snow Reprise” from “Carousel” and Sally in “The Baseball Game” from “You’re a

Artist

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penses that are included in their trip.” When it comes to hotel choices, GCSU traditionally chooses to keep guest artists at the Antebellum Inn.

“The reasoning behind using the Antebellum Inn is that it is the closest hotel to campus,” said Vallo. “It is much more convenient to have them stay right by the university than it is to have them staying

Good Man Charlie Brown.”

“[The performance] takes away from the pressure of all the other academics,” Harwell said. “It’s kind of like our outlet, along with all the other theatre classes we take.”

This semester’s performance was a little different from past performances, it had fewer scenes and fewer class members.

“Sometimes we’ve done as many as 14 scenes, and it’s absolutely nuts,” said Dr. Mullen. “I loved having a smaller class, this is one of the smaller classes I’ve had so I’ve gotten to spend more time with individual people, that’s what’s been special about this class.”

“It’s a different kind of course, different from anything we have here at GCSU,” said Dr. Mullen, “but it’s a lot of fun.”

Antique

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every customer is unique. “You have people who collect angels, people who collect rock music memorabilia and people who collect unusual glass wares,” Houston said. “As for myself, I like to collect kitchenware from the 50’s and 60’s.”

Many students often frequent the store. “It reminds me of my great grandmoth-

er’s house,” sophomore chemistry major Maci McKneely said. “My favorite purchase from Auntie Bellum’s Attic was a handful of vintage t-shirts.”

As for the future, Auntie Bellum’s Attic anticipates further growth. A new store, Auntie Bellum’s Emporium, is in the midst of opening in Putnam, Ga.

“After we had to downsize in Milledgeville, because we closed Auntie Bellum’s Attic Two, we have wanted to start another store; another offspring,” Houston said.

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## Basketball begins with bang

*Men open 2010-11 season with 59-47 victory over Carver Bible*

SAM HUNT  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU men’s basketball team opened up their fall season on Wednesday with a win against the Carver Bible College Cougars.

At the start of the first half, the Bobcats struck first with a layup from junior forward Ryan Aquino to take a 2-0 lead.

GCSU managed to quickly take control of the game when less than four minutes in, a jumper by junior forward Jared Holmes gave the Bobcats a ten-point led with the score at 10-2.

GCSU continued to maintain control over the Cougars and secured a 15-point lead when two free throws by senior guard Andre Mikell set the score at 26-11 with 6:09 remaining in the half.

Refusing to let up, the Bobcats managed to dominate over Carver and when 26 seconds remained in the first half, Holmes sank two shots from the free throw line and set the halftime score at 35-21 in favor of the Bobcats.

The first half ended with the Bobcats leading the Cougars 36-21.

The highest scorer in the first half for GCSU was Holmes, who tacked 12 points onto the Bobcat scoreboard. Holmes was 5-9 for field goals and 2-2 on free throws.

Aquino seconded Holmes’ efforts by scoring 10 points for the Bobcats in the first half and was 5-6 on field goals.

“We had a great crowd out there, so that got us going at

first,” Aquino said. “Big plays definitely feed our team’s energy, but that’s not always good enough. Sometimes you have to bring the energy when things aren’t going your way.”

When the second half began, Holmes was quick to add two more points to the GCSU scoreboard from two free throws with less than a minute in.

As the game progressed, the Bobcats’ high number of rebounds helped them to maintain their lead over Carver.

When the clock began to run out, the Cougars were able to slightly decrease the point spread between them and the Bobcats to nine points with 4:55 with the score at 53-44.

Although Carver attempted to catch up to GCSU, they were unable to do so and a final two points scored by Aquino from the courtesy line with 26 seconds remaining gave the Bobcats an opening season game victory with the final score at 59-47. GCSU out-rebounded the Cougars 52-29.

Aquino was the Bobcats’ highest scorer for the game with a total of 16 points. He was 7-9 on field goals and 2-2 from the free throw line. Holmes seconded that effort with total of 13 points scored and was 5-11 on field goals and 3-4 on free throws. Even though Holmes’ class rank is a junior, he spent his first two years at Kankakee College in Ill. and Wednesday’s victory was his first game in a Bobcat jersey.



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior forward Jared Holmes goes up for a layup in the Bobcats’ season opener against Carver Bible Nov. 17. The Bobcats handled the Cougars 59-47 to improve to 1-0.

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## Women race out to 2-0 start with blowout victories over Anderson, USC Aiken

CHANDLER LEE  
STAFF REPORTER

Maurice Smith stood outside the Bobcat locker room prior to Wednesday’s home opener against USC Aiken with a look of determination and anxiousness.

Flashback to last Friday in South Carolina, when the same look was present on Smith’s face in the season opener at Anderson University.

All the pre-game nerves, though, funneled their way toward Smith’s first two collegiate victories as a first year head coach in as many opportunities.

GCSU (2-0) most recently defeated USC Aiken (2-1) in a non-confer-

ence battle 74-55 in the Centennial Center Nov. 17. The Bobcats netted five players in double figures, led by senior guard Chimere Jordan’s 19.

The play of Jacksonville St. sophomore transfer point guard Karisma Boykin was most impressive for Smith in the win, though.

Boykin finished just shy of a triple-double with 10 points, nine assists and nine rebounds.

“She (Karisma) battled on both ends of the floor,” Smith said. “Her

“It’s always good to get a win in front of the home crowd.”

*Karisma Boykin, sophomore PG*

transition game tonight was one of the main reasons we won the game.”

Boykin is just happy for the win in front of the hometown faithful.

“It’s always good to get a win in front of the home crowd,” Boykin said. “We just wanted to come out and play hard to get the win.”

Playing with a sense of urgency, though, took some time to catch on to.

The Bobcats shot 38.7 percent from the floor in the first period, in-

cluding just 1-10 from behind the three point line. GCSU went into the locker room at half time with a 29-20 lead.

That was when Smith attempted to invoke a sense of passion in the locker room to his team.

“At half time I told the girls we needed to come out and set the tone for the second half,” Smith said.

The Bobcats did just that. GCSU shot 58.3 percent from the field (14-of-24) in the second stanza to stay in front of USC Aiken, on the way to their second victory of the young season. The team also dialed well from downtown, hitting 5-of-8

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## Baseball holds fall intersquad world series

*Ammo’s Army tops MoCats in annual Steak Series; fall practice concludes*

SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team put bragging rights and a steak dinner on the line Nov. 5 to 14, as it held its annual fall inter-squad World Series.

In the end, student assistant coaches Jamie Ammons and Paul Bordon led their team, Ammo’s Army to its second consecutive Steak Series title, four games to two over graduate assistant coach Steve Moritz’s MoCats.

The series marked the end of fall practice for the Bobcats and has been going on since 2004. As head coach of the losing team, Moritz served Ammo’s Army with a steak dinner.

“It’s a big thing for us. The guys embrace it really well,” Head Coach Tom Carty said. “We started practice on Oct. 6, and our guys have been tired out a little bit and are anxious to get out there after finals and play in the spring.”

In the series opener on Nov. 5, Ammo’s Army won 8-5 behind senior All-American outfielder Shawn Ward’s three-hit performance. Senior right-hander Eric Pettepher picked up the victory, surrendering only two hits while striking out four in six innings and a third. Junior right-hander Blake Snyder picked up the save.

The MoCats bounced back with a pair of victories Nov. 6. Senior All-Peach Belt Conference catcher Richard Pirkle drove in the winning run in game two with a two-out single in the ninth, capping a five-run rally in the inning and a 10-9 victory. The MoCats took a 2-1 series lead, winning game three 5-4. Redshirt-junior Chris George picked up the win, going seven innings and allowing two runs on seven innings. Freshman righty Matthew Robinson picked up the save.

Ammo’s Army knotted the series up at two games a piece Nov. 12, when Pettepher scattered 10 hits and allowed three runs in a 6-3, complete game victory, his second of the series. Junior outfielder Jim Moreland had a hit and a pair of walks with two RBI in the win. Sophomore infielder Cody Maas was 2-3 with an RBI double in the first for the MoCats.

Ammo’s Army regained the series lead at 3-2 Nov. 13, cruising to a 13-2 blowout victory. Senior right-hander Ryan Parson went seven innings and allowed only one earned run on five hits in the mercy rule victory. Meanwhile, Ward four hits and four RBI, while junior outfielder Patrick Daugherty added three hits including the first home run of the series



BOBBI OTIS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Eric Pettepher delivers a pitch in game 4 of the series.

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## BREAKING THE Rule



CALEB RULE  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Holy shiznid!

That’s exactly what I felt when I saw Mike Vick’s torching of the Washington Redskins on Monday Night Football.

The dude threw for four touchdowns.

And ran for another two. Reread the previous two lines. The guy accounted for six touchdowns in one game. So, in honor of that dominating performance, this week is the “Holy shiznid!” week...with thoughts on anything absurd that’s going on in the world of sports.

But first, this week’s rule to break: Having more than two subs for any intramural team. Don’t do it. Nobody gets enough playing time, people get mad and you look like a jerk...all at once!

The first thing that makes me say “Holy shiznid!” is the knowledge that the Big East will, in all of their intense amounts of failure... still place a team in a BCS bowl.

In case you don’t know, this week Syracuse is the highest ranked Big East team in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

They received two votes. That puts them around 32nd place.

So in other words, the coaches (and, for the record, Harris/AP poll voters as well) think there are 22 more qualified teams to play in a BCS bowl than Syracuse and yet, because the Big East is inexplicably a “Big Six” conference, a crappy team will get to play in one of the five most prestigious bowls available.

Even better? They usually play an ACC squad in the Orange Bowl.

Kick them out of the inner circle and open their spot up as another at-large spot already.

Another “holy shiznid!” moment was hearing the Associated Press report LeBron James as one of Time magazine’s final 25 people for their annual “Person of the Year” award.

Also on the list? Barack Obama, Jon Stewart, Steven Colbert, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Lady Gaga (who the heck makes this list?!)

Oh, and the Chilean miners who survived for weeks trapped in a mine. Just sayin’.

To his credit, James said it was a terrible decision. (I’m avoiding all “Decision” jokes here...)

The final “Holy shiznid!” moment came when my beloved Vols decided to lose to Division II Indianapolis on the hardwood. This comes on the heels of investigations into coach Bruce Pearl’s admissions of misleading NCAA investigators in regards to a case they were checking out.

Of course, Syracuse lost to a D-II school last season and then grabbed a number one seed. Then there’s Georgia, who everyone says ought to be good at basketball this season. Basketball good, football not so good? Holy shiznid!

# The Short Stop



### Upcoming Games

#### Cross Country:

Nov. 20 10 a.m. NCAA Regionals

#### Men’s Basketball:

Nov. 19 5 p.m. Carson-Newman

Nov. 20 4 p.m. @ Tusculum

#### Women’s Basketball:

Nov. 23 7:30 p.m. West Ga.

### Quote of the Week

“I think it’s a point of emphasis for our players. I think our guys know the importance of it, and the thing we have tried to emphasize with our guys is not only penalties, but penalties in the fourth quarter, because of the closeness of the games, you have to be clean in the fourth quarter.” (ESPN)

Atlanta Falcons head coach Mike Smith about the Falcons having a league-low amount of penalties this season.

### Notable Stat

# 35

The amount of penalties the Falcons have received in 2010, which is a league-low. They are first in the NFC South and tied for the league’s best record.



# Head trainer, manager aid basketball team

CAITLIN MULLANEY  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU Bobcat basketball teams are going into the season with a lot of talent, not all of which is located on the court. Two crucial people who keep the basketball teams running like the machines that they are include Paul Higgs, the head athletic trainer, and junior psychology major Olivia Abbey, the men's basketball team manager.

Higgs has been working as a trainer for 20 years, with this being his 12th year at GCSU.

"I did athletic training in high school, because I always had a love of sports but I was always too short, too slow, or too something, so this was a good fit for me," Higgs explained about his reason for getting into sports medicine. "At this point in time I really can't see myself doing anything else. The field has changed a lot and has given me more responsibility in the management side of the game,

which gives me a greater hand in helping the athletes reach their goals."

Higgs' usual training schedule consists of morning routines of working on the health of the athletes including conditioning, rehab, nutrition, rehab evaluation and working on preventing injuries in practice later in the day. Afternoons then start off with practice where he attends to help athletes with any issues they might have while practicing, and end with stretching to prevent any further injuries.

**"It was something that I always wanted to do; I have been going to basketball games since I was nine months old."**

**Olivia Abbey, manager**

"The athletic training staff is responsible for all of the athletes, but the only team that we travel with is the basketball team," Higgs said. "There are two full-time athletic trainers and three graduate assistant trainers. We can be responsible for all health problems both on and off the court such as fractures, diabetes, concussions, or nutrition information."

Another important behind the scenes player is Abbey, the team manager. Abbey has been the manager since she transferred to GCSU at the beginning of her sophomore year.

"It was something that I always wanted to do; I have been going to basketball games since I was nine months old. So when I came here I saw the coach needed help so I decided to do it (managing)," Abbey said about her involvement in the basketball program.



**Higgs**

As the manager for the team and also as a student, Abbey has to arrange her schedule just as the other athletes do. All of her classes must end by 1 p.m., and she has to be at Centennial by 2 p.m..

"On an average day I try to get here at 2 (p.m.) so I am here before the guys. Then before practice I fill up all the water bottles and get ice. Then I wait for practice to start. During practice I help run the score board and clock," Abbey said. "After practice is over I wait for the guys to come out then I wash their clothes. For games I do the water, and away games I pack the guys' bags, help with gear, and wash jerseys."

"It can be very hard to balance. In my free time or when I am washing the uniforms I sit in the locker room and do my homework, but I really love all the guys. They are great and enjoy being able to travel," she added.

## Jordan named GCSU Athlete of the Week

SPECIAL TO  
THE COLONNADE

Senior guard Chimere Jordan (Gray, Ga) of the Georgia College women's basketball team has been awarded the GCSU Athlete of the Week for the week ending Nov. 14. This is the first honor for both Jordan and the women's basketball squad this season.

Jordan drained 35 points in the team's season opener this past Friday (Nov. 12) at Anderson University, propelling the Bobcats (2-0) to a 72-52 victory. The senior netted 29 of those points in the second period during the non-conference contest. In 37 minutes of action, Jordan connected on 12-of-27 attempts from the floor, while dialing 3-of-7 from behind the arc. The local product was also terrific from the free



**Jordan**

throw line, hitting eight-of-nine attempts.

This is the fifth occasion in which Jordan has been garnered the accolade dating back to last year, her first season with the team. She was also named

Peach Belt Conference (PBC) Player of the Week twice a year ago.

The Bobcats continued their success Nov. 17 with a 74-55 win over PBC rival USC Aiken in a non-conference matchup. The Bobcats are back in action Nov. 23.

### Men's Hoops

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"Our team's greatest strength was keeping them off of the board with rebounds," Holmes said. "I think we played well as a whole, we could have cut down on turnovers but overall we played as a whole and played hard."

GCSU is on the road Friday to face Carson-Newman.

"We've just got to try to learn from watching the film from the Carver game and have a good day of fun-

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**Terry Sellers, head coach**

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### Women's Hoops

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from behind the arc, good for 62.5 percent.

"This was an important game," Smith said. "Although it's not a conference game, it still counts in the (southeast) regional rankings. Winning any game in your region is a plus."

Rebounding effectively played a major role in the Bobcats' victory.

The Bobcats won the battle on the boards 43-30, outdueling the Pacers 31-19 on the defensive glass.

"It was a total team effort in rebounding the basketball," Smith said. "Karisma (Boykin) was able to start the trend with her teammates on the defensive end and everyone chipped in nicely."

Boykin furthered Smith's importance on rebounding.

"When you rebound well, you have more opportunities to score," Boykin added.

Along with Jordan and

**"We are getting contributions from everyone. From our freshmen up through our seniors, we are playing good basketball right now."**

**Maurice Smith, head coach**

Boykin in double figures, junior forward Tammiesha Law garnered 15 points, while senior guard Dominique Huffin had 13. Junior guard Ashleigh Fox set a new career high with 12 points, respectively.

But it was the play of Boykin and Jordan, along with Smith's halftime speech, which propelled Georgia College in the victory.

"(USC) Aiken spread the floor defensively and we wanted to attack them in order to get everyone involved," Boykin said. "Once everyone got involved offensively, we knew we had a good chance."

On Nov. 12, GCSU ousted

ed the Trojans of Anderson University 72-52. Jordan sparked the victory, setting a new career high with 35 points.

The Bobcats return to action against West Georgia at home Nov. 23 for a 7:00 p.m. first tip.

GCSU hits the road after Thanksgiving, traveling to Dahlonega to battle Trevecca Nazarene on Nov. 26, followed by St. Augustine on Nov. 27 in the after-holiday tourney hosted by North Georgia.

"We are getting contributions from everyone," Smith said. "From our freshmen up through our seniors, we are playing good basketball right now."

### Baseball

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Ammo's Army closed out the series with a 2-0 shutout victory Nov. 14. Junior righty Matt Lamothe threw all seven innings of the shortened game, as he out-dued senior lefty Jason Nicholas. Daugherty was voted the series MVP.

Carty said that as the series went on, the pitching improved.

"The guys struggled early on, but towards the end, we got some really good pitching outings, and things looked a little brighter for us," he said.

Carty said the team's fall practice went well.

"It's a chance for guys to improve themselves. The returning starters have a chance to stake their claim to return to their position, and the new guys get a chance to stake their claim to a starting spot," he said. "The main goal of fall practice is to leave it with more questions answered than unanswered."

And so far, Carty feels his team is moving in the right direction.

"We're close," he said. "We have a couple of unresolved issues in our infield defense and pitching rotation, but our lineup is looking pretty solid. We're just looking forward to getting out there in the spring."

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